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SUBJECT: TRWOV

SUMMARY

GUIDELINES FOR TRWOV FOLLOWED BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES
MUCH NARROWER THAN INS TRWOV REGULATIONS. AIRLINE
REGULATIONS AND CP AIR STRIKE CAUSING GREAT INCREASE
IN DEMAND C-1 VISAS EMBASSY LISBON.
END SUMMARY

1. DESPITE LIBERALIZED TRWOV (A-5034 OF JUNE 12,
1973) PANAM LISBON HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT TRWOV
PASSENGERS UNLESS THEY MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH
ANOTHER PANAM FLIGHT WITHIN FOUR HOURS OF ARRIVAL
IN THE UNITED STATES. PANAM LISBON REPORTED THAT
A MEETING WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 22 WITH
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, BUT THE MEETING, IF
HELD, PRODUCED O HELPFUL CHANGES IN PANAM VISA
POLICY. BECAUSE PANAM HAS DEMANDED TRANSIT VISAS
WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARY UNDER TRWOV REGULATIONS,
THE EMBASSY IS BESIEGED BY APPLICANTS FOR C-1
VISAS DUE TO CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR STRIKE WHICH
HAS REDUCED DIRECT FLIGHTS TO CANADA TO THREE PER
WEEK.

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2. IT APPEARS THAT TWA AND TAP ARE NOW BEGINNING

THEIR OWN INTERPRETATIONS OF TRWOV AS WELL, NARROWING THE REQUIREMENTS AND THUS AVOIDING POSSIBILITIES OF INS FINES FOR VIOLATIONS BY THEIR PASSENGERS OF TRWOV STATUS.

3. YESTERDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 104 TRANSIT VISAS WERE ISSUED BECAUSE PANAM AND TWA MAINTAINED THAT ONWARD FLIGHTS TO CANADA WERE UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE CP AIR STRIKE.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE GUIDANCE FOR THE FUTURE. SHOULD C-1 VISAS BE ISSUED WHENEVER REQUESTED BY AIRLINES IF APPLICANTS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED, EVEN THOUGH PASSENGERS ARE TRANSITING US IN LESS THAN EIGHT HOURS? WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 22 MEETING IN WASHINGTON WHICH PANAM HERE HOPED WOULD SOLVE DIFFICULTIES?

5. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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